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Premier League Division 1

1st Grade:

	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	5	2	0	2	25	6	19
Monaro	4	2	1	2	25	9	16
Weston Creek	4	2	1	2	17	10	16
Gungahlin Juventus	4	1	2	1	15	13	14
Canberra Deakin	3	2	2	1	13	8	12
Capital City Suns	3	1	3	1	16	13	11
Canberra Olympic	3	2	3	0	10	8	10
Burns Club	2	0	5	0	7	24	6
Uni of Canberra	1	1	5	1	13	21	5
Queanbeyan City	0	0	7	0	9	38	0

Under 23's

	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Monaro	5	1	1	1	30	11	17
Belconnen United	4	2	1	2	40	14	16
Weston Creek	4	2	1	2	14	8	16
Canberra Olympic	3	3	1	3	16	9	15
Uni of Canberra	4	1	2	1	16	9	14
Burns Club	3	1	3	1	17	9	11
Gungahlin Juventus	2	1	4	0	30	17	7
Canberra Deakin	2	1	4	0	17	12	7
Capital City Suns	2	0	4	0	25	25	6
Queanbeyan City	0	0	7	0	1	94	0

Cosmos Youth

	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Belconnen United	7	0	0	0	33	6	21
Uni of Canberra	5	1	1	1	23	10	17
Gungahlin Juventus	5	0	2	0	30	10	15
Canberra Deakin	4	1	2	1	19	17	14
Weston Creek	4	0	3	0	22	18	12
Monaro	3	0	4	0	14	18	9
Capital City Suns	2	1	4	1	7	19	8
Queanbeyan City	1	1	5	1	10	25	5
Burns Club	1	0	6	0	9	20	3
Canberra Olympic	1	0	6	0	5	29	3

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TABLE:

Premier League Division 2

1st Grade:

	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	7	1	0	1	17	2	23
Cooma	6	0	2	0	16	14	18
Tuggeranong United	5	1	2	1	20	11	17
Belwest Foxes	4	1	3	1	21	16	14
ANU	2	2	4	2	16	15	10
White Eagles	2	2	4	2	10	11	10
Sabres FC	0	3	5	3	7	24	6
ADFA	0	2	6	2	7	21	4

Reserve Grade:

	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
O'Connor Knights	7	0	1	0	17	6	21
Tuggeranong United	6	0	2	0	32	18	18
ANU	5	1	2	1	24	11	17
Belwest Foxes	5	0	3	0	29	12	15
White Eagles	3	1	4	1	16	20	11
ADFA	2	1	4	1	13	17	8
Sabres FC	1	0	6	0	8	20	3
Cooma	0	1	7	1	4	39	2

Rockets Youth League

	W	D	L	B	F	A	Pt
Tuggeranong United	7	0	0	0	33	5	21
Belconnen United	5	0	2	0	24	13	15
Radford	3	0	4	0	15	14	9
Belwest Foxes	3	0	4	0	13	18	9
Southern Spirit	2	0	5	0	13	25	6
Belsouth	1	0	6	0	7	30	3

Golden Boot Chase

- 8: S. Lazzari (WCK), D. Macor (Mon)
 7: M. Whyte (Bel), D. Bartone (UoC)
 6: T. Lemezina (CCS), L. Simeonov (Mon)
 5: U. Castro (Oly)
 4: G. Cattanach (Juv), P. Hader (WCK),
 D. Stambolziev (CCS)

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EDITORIAL:

SO LONG NORMAN

Before I get onto the important topics for this week, weren't we all surprised with the number of upsets from last weekend.

Bels drop a point at Uni but pick up two on the field when both Monaro and Weston Creek suffer their first losses of the season.

Juventus jump into fourth place and it appears that the Academy players are starting to fit in.

But the surprises don't end there. Take a look at the table for the Under 23s. It won't resemble last week's in the only two undefeated teams lost!

The biggest result was Deakin thumping Monaro by 5-0. The students also had a great result against Bels.

This week we have match reports from all the games, as well as the ACT Rockets midweek match against the Olyroos.

Together with this we talk with Norman Kelly and ask him about life after Soccer Canberra. For all those who survived his singing last night, this should be like a good aspirin.

Enjoy your soccer,

Nick

And thanks for the memories...

It is sad to hear that Norman Kelly has decided to move on, after nearly 4 years in Canberra.

His commitment to soccer both for the local National League team and for his work with Soccer Canberra will be hard to match.

Norman was brought to Canberra by the then Cosmos coach Mike Lyons. He had been with Lyons at Brunei.

A past Northern Ireland International, he had played with the likes of Raith Rovers, Dumferline, Oldham Athletic and IFK Strömstad in Sweden.

When Paul Wade left two years ago, Norman took over going out to the Schools and helping to introduce soccer to the youngsters.

Last year he became the Soccer Canberra School Development Officer. Further to this he is also doing a Sports Administration course and has become involved in the general administration of Soccer Canberra.

The job took him out to nearly all the Schools in Canberra, and in doing so it provided a lot of enjoyment for both himself and those he talked and worked with.

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QUEANBEYAN PAY PRICE FOR MISSED CHANCES

It was the one that got away. That was the best description for Queanbeyan City Lions when they lost 2-1 to the Burns Club at Greenway Oval.

"We need to work a bit more on putting away our chances" was the comment from Queanbeyan's coach Victor Trajanoski.

The pressure they generated in the first half was not complimented with any goals and in the end they paid for this.

As early as the fifth minute, Danny Burt played a one-two with David Geremia but the latter mis-directed his shot wide.

The wet conditions were not going to favour the goalkeepers, and to add to this Burn's Matt Melgaard was suffering from an injury too his hand. The continuous peppering of long shots by Queanbeyan were not what he was looking for.

It wasn't until the 15th minute that Burns had it's first foray towards goal. Josh Turco waltzed through some lazy defenders, but at the last moment lost his footing and shot well over.

Half way through Frane Pratezina put through Danny Gjorgievski for a chance, and it needed the delicatest of touches from Melgaard to keep the scoreline blank.

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At the half-hour point, Queanbeyan suffered a blow. Their keeper Ivica Sbrinoski had to be substituted through injury and their Under 23 keeper Jarrod Sullivan came on as a replacement.

But his work was nothing like that at the other end. Geremia had another low shot go wide and a few minutes later Danny Burt saw his drive go in the same direction.

Melgaard was called into action thrice more in the half and had to make crucial saves, to deny the hungry Queanbeyan players.

After the break, Queanbeyan continued looking for the opening goal. It didn't take long.

Nine minutes into the half, a corner from Goran Veljanovski found Burt and his header saw nothing but net. The Cosmos defender now has three goals for the season already.

The lead was short lived, when only four minutes later Burns equalised. The ball came out from a corner to Sean Madden and his long shot from 30m out went directly into the top right corner.

Queanbeyan had a good chance to regain the one goal lead when Gjorgievski had two bites of the cherry. His first shot was blocked and the second needed a solid save with attackers coming in for the crumbs.

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DEAKIN GET BACK ON TRACK

by Dylan Durie

Canberra Deakin scored a hard fought 2-1 win over Monaro in appalling conditions at Riverside stadium in their ACT Premier League match on Sunday.

Ben Deighan and Paul Ivanic had put Deakin two-nil up before a goal from Danny Macor gave Monaro some hope in the final 20 minutes.

Deighan gave Deakin the lead on 17 minutes with an unchallenged header from an Anthony Barac corner after Monaro had the better of the early possession.

Monaro failed to learn their lesson and Mladin Rogic headed just over after also being unmarked from another accurate Rakic corner.

In first half injury time Monaro came within a whisker of drawing level but an amazing one handed save from Deakin keeper Pedro Pavez turned away a long range screamer from Joe Campagna that was curling into the top corner.

Deakin almost increased their lead soon after the break when a delicate chip by Deighan from a half cleared corner had to be palmed over the bar by Monaro keeper Tony Guarino.

Campagna then had a chance to equalise but shot across goal after he got behind the defence.

But they payed for this when only a minute later Burns took the lead. Daniel Park had an easy tuck away when he was handed a goal by Turco after some good lead up work from Andy Wallace.

From here on the game swung completely to Burns. They should have sewed up the match easily with any of a number of chances.

Substitute Mark Collett was put in by Wallace and needed a fine save from Sullivan. Then on the hour Wallace put Park through. He rounded the keeper, but his shot was weak and Paul Reid got back to clear off the line.

Park had another shot pushed away for a corner after Wallace set him up and Andy himself had two more, the first deflected wide and the second missed the goal by inches.

Queanbeyan pressed at the end for the equaliser and had a the ball in the penalty area a few times, but just could not convert.

Steve Bryant, coach of Burns, was overall happy with the result. In fact he felt that when the team went one down it lifted them.

"This was a six-point game. We struggled in the first half but performed better in the second", said Bryant.

Trajanoski stated that he couldn't complain with the way his team played. "We did everything right, but we just need to put some of those chances away."

Deakin immediately made it 2-0 with Ivanics goal coming in the 63rd minute, a crisp volley into the roof of the net from a Gaby Exposito cross.

David Milin then produced the shot of the day for Deakin, rattling the cross-bar from at least 30 metres with the keeper well beaten.

Macor then got his goal after a nice one-two with Campagna at the edge of the area before poking the ball home from a tight angle but Monaro didn't produce any real chances to steal a point after that.

KEEPER PROVES MATCH-WINNER FOR JUVE

by Greg Welsh

Only a brilliant second-half performance by Gunghalin Juventus goalkeeper Elias Oikarinen prevented the Weston Creek Royals from moving into equal first-place at Woden Park on Sunday.

Juventus, taking a comfortable 2-0 lead into the half-time break, seemed intent on recreating the Socceroos vs. Iran MCG result for the small crowd that braved the rain.

However their keeper apparently hadn't been informed of the plan, and continually denied Royals' strikers Steve Lazzari and Peter Hader in the last twenty minutes before a late George Cattnach goal cemented all three points for Juventus.

The first chance of the match fell to Lazzari in the 4th minute, but the slippery conditions meant he skied his shot from close range.

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Juventus then settled down to dictate play, and were rewarded with a goal in the 15th minute when John Glass collected a loose ball and blasted the ball into the back of the Royals' net from twenty metres out.

A foul on Luke Morgan just outside the Royals' penalty area five minutes later presented Juventus with their second goal, with Brad Smith on hand to steer Craig Rankine's low free-kick past Royals' keeper Troy Boots.

The Royals were thankful not to go three behind in the 35th minute when a sweetly-struck shot by Glass smacked the woodwork and Morgan failed to bury the rebound.

But by this stage the Juventus team were so dominant that it seemed a comfortable victory was in the offing. However, the Royals came out from the break a changed team, and were soon back in the match thanks to a goal from Hader.

Soon after, the Juventus keeper was adjudged to have taken too many steps, and the Royals were presented with another golden opportunity. But Oikarinen once more proved a formidable last line of defence by deflecting Lazzari's powerful strike away from goal.

Juventus coach Billy Willox was full of praise for his keeper, but added 'I think we should have finished it in the first half - we wouldn't have had those heart-attacks. I knew they would come back at us - they had to. They sat back in the first-half and let us do everything we wanted to do.'

STUDENTS WORK HARD FOR DRAW AGAINST TOP TEAM

At the University of Canberra grounds, the upsets continued when Belconnen United were held to a 2-2 draw by the lowly University of Canberra.

It was a dropped point for Belconnen, but little did they know about what was happening elsewhere in Canberra.

Marko Perinovic put Belconnen ahead from a free kick after Scott Manson was taken down just outside the box.

Uni equalised through a great goal from Dominic Bartone ten minutes later. His rifled shot went straight into the top right corner.

Five minutes into the second half Belconnen regained their lead. Craig Rankine passed to Scott Manson who then played a 1-2 with Perinovic before sending the ball past Chris Freeman from 12m out.

But 10 minutes more and Uni had equalised again. A Jason Dunn clearance was intercepted by Uni. The ball went to Alan Rankine, who from the edge of the box side-footed the ball into the top left corner.

At the death, Belconnen had a great chance to win. An Adrian Dowling long ball was headed at goal by Perinovic. It hit the crossbar and bounced back, but no one was there to put in the rebound.

Uni fought hard throughout the day and seemed to be in the right frame of mind for this game.

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Bels coach, Lino Fiorese said "there are still problems in the last third. We need to improve our workload and play for 90 minutes."

For Uni Rod Lynes was pleased with the result and the commitment of his team.

OLYMPIC SHOW TRUE FORM WITH BAZ BACK

Canberra Olympic bounced back to their early season form when they trounced Capital City Suns 4-1 at O'Connor Oval.

A hatrick by Alex Castro was the main difference between the teams. His National League experience showing all too well, even with the untidy bounce of O'Connor.

Just past the half-hour mark, Alex took advantage of a free kick close to the box. His shot was true and gave Tony Giannasca no chance.

Yet the Suns equalised three minutes later when good buildup work down the left allowed Shane Lyons to send in a pin-point cross for Tony Lemezina to put away.

It only took another four more minutes before Olympic restored their one goal lead. This time a cross was chested down by Njegosh Popovich for Castro to sweetly half-volley home.

A few minutes after the break, he completed his hatrick. A free kick in a similar position as his first was not hit as well as before, but it went through the wall. Giannasca also could not handle the shot.

Then with around 20 minutes to go, Peter Mazis settled the game as a contest when he headed in from a cross that had eluded the keeper.

Olympic Coach Baz Giampaolo thought his team deserved the win. "The boys responded well today and are starting to show a lot more commitment, especially in the tackles".

Olyroos too good for Rockets

by Greg Welsh

The Olyroos kicked off a busy training and playing schedule with a solid 3-0 victory over the Rockets at the AIS on Wednesday night.

The Rockets, made up from the best of the ACT Premier League, played gamely throughout, but were always going to find the going difficult against a team comprised exclusively of the finest young talent Australia has to offer.

The first twenty minutes of the match were fairly even, with Elliott Zwangobani and Geoff Howarth playing well for the Rockets while for the Olyroos Brett Emerton and Kasey Wehrman provided plenty of chances for Clayton Zane up front.

In fact, only some diabolical finishing from Zane, and a number of brilliant saves from Rockets' goalkeeper Tony Giannasca kept the scores even as the Olyroos took control in the last twenty minutes of the half.

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So Long Norman (continued from pg 1)

"A lot of the school kids liked to mimic my Irish accent at the sessions. It was all part of the fun. Generally, most of the Schools were really keen as were the teachers, and there were never any major problems with the kids."

"On the odd time, some of the other Cosmos players would come out and join me, but generally I had to get away from training early."

Norman feels he's learnt a lot from his work at Soccer Canberra. "I really enjoyed it there. One sees the other side of soccer having worked in administration."

"It is really much harder than most people think. There's a lot of work involved and full credit to them, cause they do work hard."

Now Norman needs to look at the future. Most important is that he wants to get home and spend time with the family, something he hasn't done for quite a while.

Norman is still unsure as to where his playing career will go. "I may return to Australia to play or continue work in some administration capacity, or I may find something in the British scene."

"I have enjoyed Canberra and made a lot of friends here. It took a while, but after my work in the local scene as well as the Cosmos, I've noticed that the Canberra people have welcomed me."

We thank Norman for all the work he's put into ACT soccer, both on and off the field and wish him all the best for the future.

[Rockets Report continued]

Apart from the three goals, the second period was a replica of the first. The Rockets came out strongly again after the break and battled it out for a while, before the hectic pace took its toll.

Clayton Zane notched up a double as the Olyroos once more ran away with the game towards the end, with Emerton looking particularly dangerous whenever he touched the ball.

Rockets' coach Ian Heywood said his side played well considering their limited preparation and the obvious class of their opponents. "We knew we weren't going to get a lot of possession, we knew we had to defend for long periods of time," he said.

'A little bit disappointed that when we got the ball we gave it back probably a little too quickly then what I'd like to have done, but overall it was a good performance.'

Olyroos' coach Raul Blanco said that while his team won't be able to afford to waste so many goal-scoring chances when they play against international opposition, he was similarly happy that his squad was settling down well.

'I was quite happy,' he said. 'I think they moved the ball well, they were very comfortable and obviously they won the game easily.'

The Rockets will play Illawarra on Monday June 14th in Wollongong. There will also be a match for the ACT Youth Rockets prior to this.

CSN's Predictions for Round 8

Belconnen United v Monaro

2pm Hawker Oval

A very tight match. Both teams should bounce back after disappointing results last week. It should be interesting to see how the bumpy Hawker Oval affects the game.

TIP: DRAW

Burns Club v Canberra Deakin

2pm Greenway Oval

Both teams are coming off a win from last week, but Deakin's was more impressive. They are also improving each week. Will Burns have a proper goalkeeper this week?

TIP: CANBERRA DEAKIN

Queanbeyan City v Weston Creek

2pm Riverside Stadium

Queanbeyan are improving and Weston took a fall last week. This could be closer than most think, but the big guns of Weston should prevail. Watch Danny Burt score another goal.

TIP: WESTON CREEK ROYALS

Gungahlin Juventus v Canberra Olympic

2pm Majura Oval

Another great game in the making. Billy's boys are getting their act together and the Academy players are now settling in. Baz is back from the FA Cup and his team has lifted with last week's defeat of the Suns.

TIP: DRAW

Capital City Suns v Uni of Canberra

2pm O'Connor Oval

Suns will be out for blood after their loss last week, whilst Uni score some vital points drawing Bels. This could also be very close with Dominic Bartone scoring in nearly every match.

TIP: CAPITAL CITY SUNS